

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-41. (Canceled)

42. (Currently amended) A laminate package for an energy storage device having two terminals, the package including:

an inner barrier layer for defining a cavity to contain the energy storage device, the inner barrier layer having two opposed portions that are sealingly engaged with each other and from between which the terminals extend from the cavity;

a sealant layer being disposed intermediate the inner barrier layer and an adjacent one of the terminals;

an outer barrier layer bonded to the inner barrier layer and having a metal layer; and tie layers of between less than about 1 μ m and about 10 μ m thickness being disposed between the inner barrier layer and the ~~respective~~ sealant layer and between the inner barrier layer and the outer barrier layer.

43-48. (Canceled).

49. (Currently amended) A laminate package for an energy storage device having two terminals, the package including:

an inner barrier layer ~~having a low melting point and a high vicat softening temperature~~ for defining a cavity to contain the energy storage device;

a sealant layer being disposed between, and being sealingly engaged with, the inner barrier layer and an adjacent one of the terminals; and

an outer barrier layer bonded to the inner barrier layer and having a metal layer, wherein the package sealingly contains the energy storage device and the terminals are accessible from outside the package for allowing external electrical connection to the energy storage device.

50-53. (Canceled).

54. (New) A package according to claim 42 wherein the sealant layer has a melting point of between 90° Celsius and 120° Celsius.

55. (New) A package according to claim 42 wherein the sealant layer is a resin containing between about 5% and 10% ethylene acrylic acid.

56. (New) A package according to claim 55 wherein the sealant layer contains about 6% to 9% of ethylene acrylic acid.

57. (New) A package according to claim 42 wherein one of the terminals is formed from aluminium.

58. (New) A package according to claim 42 wherein both of the terminals are formed from aluminium.

59. (New) A package according to claim 42 wherein the outer barrier layer includes a plastics layer bonded to the outside of the metal layer.

60. (New) A package according to claim 59 wherein the plastics layer is between 15 μm and 20 μm thickness.

61. (New) A package according to claim 59 wherein the plastics layer includes any one or more of polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polyvinylidene chloride (PVdC), and polypropylene (PP).

62. (New) A package according to claim 49 wherein the sealant layer has a melting point of between 90° Celsius and 120° Celsius.

63. (New) A package according to claim 49 wherein the sealant layer is a resin containing between about 5% and 10% ethylene acrylic acid.

64. (New) A package according to claim 49 wherein the sealant layer contains about 6% to 9% of ethylene acrylic acid.

65. (New) A package according to claim 49 wherein one of the terminals is formed from aluminium.
66. (New) A package according to claim 49 wherein both of the terminals are formed from aluminium.
67. (New) A package according to claim 49 wherein the outer barrier layer includes a plastics layer bonded to the inside of the metal layer.
68. (New) A package according to claim 67 wherein the plastics layer is between 15 μm and 20 μm thickness.
69. (New) A package according to claim 68 wherein the plastics layer includes any one or more of polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polyvinylidene chloride (PVdC), and polypropylene (PP).